

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

OF NORTH-CAROLINA,

Hold in this City

On the 19th, 20th, 21st & 22d October,

1858.

The six annual Fair of the North-Carolina State Agricultural Society may be recorded as the most successful effort yet made by the industrial classes of the State. In every respect this may be regarded as true. Viewing the matter, as we are too apt to do, in a mere pecuniary light, (as respects the Society's funds,) the Fair has been eminently successful. But looking at it in its true light—as an indication of the progress of our people, and as an evidence of the interest they are now manifesting in the development of their own resources—the exhibition of last week is truly gratifying.

The weather during the entire week was very favorable, consequently the attendance of visitors and contributors was unusually large. On the first day, (Tuesday,) a larger number attended the Fair than is usual on first days; so, too, on Wednesday. On Thursday there were from 7,000 to 8,000 present; on Friday, more than an average attendance.

The number of badges sold this year was 680 against 576 last year. Total receipts during the week, received at the gate, \$3,000, an excess of some \$300 over the receipts of last year. The amount received on Thursday, for single admissions was \$300.

The number of articles on exhibition, as compared with that of last year, is as follows:

	1858	1857
Live Stock,	229	203
Planter's Hall,	200	144
Mechanic's Hall,	321	170
Floral Hall,	513	319
	1363	886

Being an increase of some 60 per cent. on the Fair of 1857.

Of the quality of the articles, we think we may chronicle a decided improvement, taken as a whole.

In consequence of the great length of this report we must cut short our general remarks, and proceed to our enumeration, &c.; but before doing so we will barely mention that the programme was well carried out by the marshals, (all of whom did their duty faithfully,) that the details of the arrangements were attended to, as they have never before been, by the indefatigable secretary of the Executive Committee, Wilson W. Whitaker, Esq., so as to ensure harmony and success and a proper appreciation of the arduous labors of that committee.

The Salisbury band has earned for itself an enviable reputation, as much by the gentlemanly deportment of its members, as by the excellence of its performance, its age and opportunities for practice considered. It is composed of amateurs entirely.

The meetings of the Society have been attended somewhat better than heretofore; but the interest of former meetings was wanting. It would be well to provide beforehand appropriate subjects for conversation or discussion. A dry detail of business matters is not calculated to draw together large bodies of people. The meetings of the Society can be, and ought to be, made a prominent feature of interest.

To the ladies who managed the exhibition in Floral Hall, and arranged the articles therein, too much praise cannot be awarded. They have received the formal thanks of the Society, but they are entitled to the gratitude, (they have doubtless received the admiration,) of all friends of the Society, and all lovers of the State.

The gentlemen who attended in different capacities also deserve well of the public. And to the exertions of Mr. John R. Harrison and his staff of special police must be attributed, in a great degree, the order and decorum so much commended by all.

But it is due to state—and he who makes this statement is one familiar with large concourses of the people of different States—he might add of different nationalities—that special police forces are quite unnecessary on such occasions in North Carolina. A more orderly, peace-loving, law-abiding people this writer has never yet seen. In the City order was maintained without an effort—the lynx eye of Mayor W. H. Harrison being unable to detect a noticeable violation.

The accommodations afforded on the present occasion were quite ample. Complaints, no doubt, were heard; but we venture to say that they were by persons unacquainted with the difficulties of dealing with large bodies, and from places which five hundred persons would overflow.

The officers of many of the military organizations of the State assembled in convention during the week, and visited the Fair grounds in uniform on Thursday. We shall publish the result of their deliberations in our next.

We heard of no accident during the week; and the seeming concomitants of large masses of people elsewhere—pickpockets—were not heard of.

We will now proceed to give the result* of our wandering through the exhibition, and our other labors in connection with the Fair and the meetings of the Society. We shall not present this matter in the order of its occurrence, preferring to divide it and give each part a more connected form. Hence we will first take a glance at the exhibition itself; next, give the list of premiums, which will be found as correct as possible; following this list will be found a full report of the trials of speed of horses, &c., closing with a detail of the proceedings of the Society. Our weekly subscribers will find the entire address of the Hon. T. L. Clingman, on the outside—thus presenting the whole proceedings of the week in a connected form.

THE EXHIBITION.

FLORAL HALL.

On entering this hall we were first attracted by a very superior collection of 125 varieties of plants, besides a number of bulbous roots, exhibited by Hamilton and Carter from their nursery in this city. Outside of the hall they had specimens of very superior fruit trees of various kinds. In the midst of their flowers, appropriately set, was a very handsome aquarium, beautifully and well stocked, exhibited by Mrs. Frank I. Wilson. On each side of this lot, the Messrs. Lindley, of Guilford and Chat-ham, and the Messrs. Westbrook & Co., of Guilford, had their very choice collections of fruits. A finer lot than that of the former gentlemen we never saw, embracing 140 varieties of apples on exhibition, and including their celebrated golden russet. Westbrook & Co., had also a very large variety—about 100 varieties. Next to them was a lot of 30 varieties, raised by Willie J. Palmer, of Caswell, from the nursery, in four years. Opposite to these was a rare collection of N. C. minerals and fossils by Dr. E. Emmons, State Geologist. This collection attracted more than ordinary attention.

The Misses DuPre, of Raleigh, had on exhibition some choice preserved fruits—Mrs. Ruffin Williams, of Raleigh, a large variety of preserved fruits and vegetables.

Mrs. F. I. Wilson, of Raleigh, exhibited a number of Grecian paintings, very creditably executed—particularly the "Last Supper," which was much admired. Also, some superior leather-work (picture frames); a remarkably well executed basket of wax fruit and a case of wax vegetables, which deservedly took a first premium.

Several excellent articles of needle-work, &c., by Miss L. M. Hill, Raleigh; Mrs. W. D. Roundtree, Wilson; Miss S. Curtis, Raleigh; Miss R. B. DuPre, Raleigh; Miss S. Partridge, Raleigh; Mrs. Dr. D. P. Weir, Greensboro'; Miss A. E. Reynolds, Raleigh; Mrs. B. E. Moore, Raleigh, (for Mrs. Walker, of Halifax, 60 years old); Miss Ellen Hoke, Lincolnton; Miss Martha Young, Franklin; Mrs. N. C. Powell, Goldsboro'; Mrs. A. Henderson, Salisbury; Miss V. F. Webb, Winston; Miss Harriet E. Peebles, Kinston, Tenn.; Mrs. Ruffin Williams, Raleigh; Mrs. J. M. Ruffin, Alamance; Miss J. M. Lee, Alamance; Miss L. Mollie, Davidson; Mrs. Houston, Winston; Miss J. L. Legget, (inmate of Asylum for the Insane, Raleigh); Miss H. and Miss G. Wake; Miss F. Mabry, Lexington; Mrs. S. G. Wilson, Henderson; Mrs. C. J. Meanes, Cabarrus; Mrs. E. A. Moore, Halifax; Miss L. Ellen, Raleigh; and others whose names we may have overlooked. Many of the specimens of needle work by these ladies were much admired.

In embroidery we note specimens by Miss H. Folts, Salem; Miss S. C. Poit, Salem; Mrs. Frank S. Wil-

- kinson, Raleigh; Mrs. Wesley Jones, Wake; A. R. & E. Kernode, Alamance; Mrs. Dr. D. P. Weir, Greensboro'; Miss S. M. Carter, Wake; Miss S. Reese, Wake; Mrs. J. L. Engelhardt, Raleigh; Miss J. L. Legget, (Insane Asylum); Mrs. L. A. Cook, Raleigh; Miss M. A. Fowler, Raleigh; Miss E. Wyes, Newbern; Miss Susan Leach, Wake; Miss S. Pearce, Newbern; Miss Rebecca Smith, Wilmington; Mrs. S. G. Wilson, Henderson; Mrs. C. J. Means, Cabarrus; Miss A. E. Christian, Montgomery; Miss F. G. M. Rouihac, Hillsboro'; Mrs. W. A. McGuire, Wilmington; Miss J. M. Croome, Lenoir; Miss M. V. Hagan, Greensboro'; Mrs. C. A. McRae, Montgomery.
- The supply of other fancy needle work, knitting, netting, &c., was very extensive, and embraced samples by the following ladies: Mrs. Ruffin Williams, Raleigh; Mrs. Womack, Pittsboro'; Miss C. V. Johns, Wake; Mrs. M. M. Howerton, Hillsboro'; Mrs. S. Grady, Wake; C. A. Fort, Wake; Mrs. Chas. Horton, Wake; Miss S. Partridge, Raleigh; Miss S. Curtis, Raleigh; Mrs. L. B. Ellis, Franklin; Miss Ella L. Clapp, Guilford; Miss A. E. C. Raleigh; Mrs. J. L. Britt, Wake; Mrs. J. G. Cave, Chapel Hill; Misses A. R. & C. Kernode, Alamance; Miss S. E. Graham, Rowan; Miss S. J. Rouse, Goldsboro'; Mrs. McGowan, Raleigh; Mrs. Mary Merony, Salisbury; Mrs. A. E. Reynolds, Raleigh; Mrs. R. J. Owen, Raleigh; Miss A. M. Owen, 9 yrs. old, Raleigh; Mrs. S. Pace, Wake; Miss B. Pace, Wake; Mrs. F. B. Mumford, Mocksville; Miss C. Goswick, Franklin; Mrs. J. Adams, Wake; Mrs. A. D. Campbell, Raleigh; Mrs. R. P. Taylor, Granville; Bet. Moore, Raleigh; Mary Moore, Raleigh; Mrs. D. Jones, Johnston; Mrs. E. H. Borden, Newbern; Mrs. G. M. Lee, Alamance; Mrs. A. Henderson, Salisbury; Louisa Moffit, Davidson; Miss V. T. Webb, Winston; Mrs. Houston, Winston; Mrs. Nelson, Louisburg; Miss M. Pittard, Caswell; Mrs. L. J. Norman, Wake; Mrs. Crenshaw, Wake; Miss M. Cameron, Raleigh; Mrs. Husted, Raleigh; Mrs. E. Dickson, Orange; Mrs. R. and Miss C. Broughton, Wake; Miss J. F. McCorkle, Rowan; the Misses A. B. C. E. W. and P. Wake; Miss M. E. Cooke, Raleigh; Miss D. & Mrs. K. (deaf mute,) Raleigh; Miss M. E. Cooke, Raleigh; Mrs. E. M. Grow, (deaf mute,) Raleigh; Miss M. St. C. Gordon, Raleigh; Mrs. M. Raleigh; Mrs. M. McPheeters, Raleigh; Miss Ella Wake; Miss S. Hamilton, Orange; Mrs. L. Vaughn, Raleigh; Mrs. S. G. Wilson, Henderson; Miss C. Campbell, Raleigh; Mrs. Pinkston, Davidson; Matilda Harris, Cabarrus; Mrs. M. McRae, Montgomery; Mrs. Ruffin Tucker, Raleigh; Miss N. Mitchell, Alamance work of the ladies embraced in this list includes quilts, blankets, &c. Of these, one by Mrs. R. Tucker is worthy of special notice. It contains 951 pieces knitted separately and then knitted together. This work was done entirely by Mrs. T. in her spare moments at night. It deserved and got a first premium. There are other articles well deserving special notice did space admit of it.
- In painting, drawing, &c., we name the following ladies and gentlemen as ranking high in the exhibition: Miss S. Partridge, Raleigh; [amongst others a beautifully oil painted photograph, exhibited by Mrs. J. A. Engelhardt. This painting compared favorably with the northern ones on exhibition.] Wm. Percival, Raleigh; Mrs. F. J. Wilson, Raleigh; Mrs. Walker, Greensborough; Mrs. Marling, Raleigh; [amongst her lot a well painted quilt]; Miss Sallie E. Graham, Rowan; Miss Ella Martindale, Raleigh; Miss J. A. Wood, Raleigh; F. S.; Mrs. C. Campbell, Raleigh; Mrs. A. Campbell, Raleigh; Mrs. J. R. Purifoy, Wake; Mrs. B. Fentress, Raleigh; Miss R. Eppley, A. F. Yantzen, J. Holt, S. A. Clark, and Mrs. Nelson, Louisburg Female College. [Very creditable.] J. C. Palmer, Raleigh; Hamilton & Carter, [118 fine paintings]; Raleigh; Miss R. Smith, Wilmington. Some of the foregoing exhibited choice works of art.—Mr. Percival's embraced many of a high order.
- The miscellaneous articles include a case of surveying instruments, a decided improvement on anything of the kind we have ever witnessed, by J. M. L. Stanton, Va.; wax fruit A. & O. Crocker, Raleigh; do, by Miss Ella Martindale, who also exhibited a superior leather frame; wax fruit and vegetables and leather work, by Mrs. F. J. Wilson, Raleigh, excellent; fine assortment of wines, honey and preserved fruits, Mrs. W. F. Shultz, Salem; stained honey, (fine,) Miss S. C. Foltz, Salem; hair work, by Mrs. W. F. Shultz and Miss H. Foltz, Salem; feather work, by Miss J. Pfahl, Salem; shell work, Mrs. O. Keehn, Salem; also, by Miss S. C. Foltz, Salem; blackberry wine, by Mrs. and Miss M. S. Winslow, Fayetteville; also, by Miss DuPre, Raleigh, with a lot of pickles and preserves &c.; very superior 7 octave piano, J. E. Bowell & Co., Baltimore; lot of choice pickles, preserves, jellies, &c., Mrs. Ruffin Williams, Raleigh; sample of fine Bourbon whiskey, J. J. Ferrell, Raleigh; large lot of superior household fabrics, by Mrs. Chas. Horton, of Wake; a meritorious lot of articles from girls' working society, by Miss S. Partridge, Raleigh; preserves, by Mrs. E. A. Nixon, Raleigh; handsome goblet, J. W. B. Watson, J. H.ston; brandy peaches, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Raleigh; specimen of original typography, by Jno. Spelman, exhibited by Holden & Wilson, Raleigh; frame of ornamental printing and cards in colors, Jno. W. Syme, Raleigh; preserved peaches, by Mrs. A. M. Upchurch, Raleigh, and Mrs. J. L. Britt, Wake; sewing machines, by C. B. Root and W. H. & R. S. Tucker, Raleigh; goddess of harvest, in wax, Mrs. E. McGowan, Raleigh; fine pianos, F. A. E. Bohnstedt, ag't., Wilmington; preserves, &c., Mrs. B. F. Moore, Raleigh; box of watch papers, Mrs. Edwards, Orange; pieces of cassimere, &c., J. W. Wiggins, Raleigh; do, N. C. cassimere, D. C. Murray, Raleigh; lot of fruit, T. H. Fentress, Guilford; preserves, &c., Mrs. R. Tucker, Raleigh; neat pine b'ard basket, Miss L. White, Raleigh; preserved peaches, Mrs. H. Haywood, Raleigh; lot of preserves &c., Mrs. Pescud, Raleigh; wax and rosin fruit and flowers, Mrs. N. C. Powell, Goldsboro'; (very fine); preserves, Mrs. M. R. Harris, Wake; box of beautiful paper flowers, Mrs. J. Huske, Fayetteville; pot of cayenne pepper and other plants, Mrs. J. F. Taylor, Raleigh; rush window curtains, Mrs. E. H. Borden, Newbern; brandy peaches, &c., Mrs. Mordecai, Raleigh; model, in clay, "Isis Magna Mater," item a print in Rees' Cyclopedia, by Mrs. Dr. Mason, of Raleigh. [This is a work of art of a high order. Competent judges have expressed this opinion. We understand it is Mrs. Mason's first attempt at sculpture, and was worked out with a penknife.] Mrs. Mason also exhibited a lot of very superior cameos, executed by herself. Preserves, by Mrs. L. J. Norman, Wake, with a lot of fine domestic manufactures; case of fine jewelry and silver ware, J. C. Palmer, Raleigh; case of shoes, J. W. Wiggins, Raleigh; large assortment of wines, preserves, cordials, &c., A. C. Hege, Lexington; preserves, &c., by Mrs. F. E. Shober, Salisbury; case of jewelry, by Jno. D. Whitford, President Atlantic and N. C. Railroad. [This lot was composed entirely of North-Carolina gold and precious stones, the latter found within 20 miles west of Raleigh. It was a most beautiful lot of work, got up by the spirited exhibitor to show what North-Carolina can do.] Case of wax flowers, leather work, &c., Mrs. M. C. Garnett, Greensboro'; hair work, Mrs. M. Rowland, Granville; preserves, &c., Mrs. J. C. Palmer, Raleigh; also, with wines, by Miss Mary Mabry, Lexington; lot of books in fancy bindings, J. H. DeCarteret, Raleigh; silver pitcher, by the Society; large collection of all kinds of useful and fancy articles of needle work, household manufactures, &c., by Mrs. S. G. Wilson, Henderson; lot of artificial teeth, with the materials from which they were composed, from the crude state through their various stages to completion, S. A. McDowell, Goldsboro'; pickles, &c., Mrs. P. C. Person, Franklin; Alexandria organ, C. L. Irving, Raleigh; daguerreotypes, &c., by T. J. Havens, Raleigh; preserves, &c., by Mrs. C. J. Means, Cabarrus; Catawba wines, D. M. Lewis, Franklin; Chinese Sugar Cane rum, B. Howell, Edgecombe; blackberry wine, Miss C. A. McRae, Montgomery; sugar cane syrup, Mrs. J. B. Green, Granville. [It would be a fruitless task to attempt a comparison of the foregoing. The premium list is perhaps the best test after all.]
- MECHANICS' HALL AND ON THE GROUNDS.
- The following persons contributed to this branch of the exhibition:
- Aldred Upchurch, Raleigh, fine curled hickory bugles; Williams & Harp, Raleigh, lot of shafts, spokes and buggy rims.
- W. D. Williams, Raleigh, lot of wood work for bugles, &c., Miss C. Siemers, Salem, lot of rustic furniture, W. F. Shultz, Salem, large lot of very choice furniture, made of North-Carolina timber, and well executed.
- Price, Wake, six horse wagon.
- Dr. DuPre, Raleigh, improved chain pump (model) and frame for bottom of well.
- W. Watson, Raleigh, lot of mattresses and paper hangings.
- Jordan Womble, Sparrows and Cummings' hay cutter and cylindrical stalk and shuck cutter.
- D. McLean, ag't., Greensboro', turning plow.
- W. B. Williams, Warrenton, 30 to 40 varieties of agricultural implements.
- J. Stafford & Co., Snow Camp, also lot of agricultural implements.
- Forest Man, Comp'y, specimens of book, news and other papers.
- N. Boyden & Son, Salisbury, 80 articles of agricultural implements.
- R. J. Owen, Raleigh, seed planter.
- R. Sinclair & Co., Baltimore, 48 articles of agricultural implements.
- J. M. Towles, ag't., Raleigh, 9 varieties.
- W. B. Williams, Warrenton, lot of cast hollow ware and horse shoe.
- W. F. Fort, Wake, lot of farm wagons, carts, &c.
- Jas. Joyner, Raleigh, one-horse cart.
- J. B. Palamountain, Tarboro, cotton cultivating plow, &c. [This plow was highly commended for its originality. It can be adjusted so as to throw the soil on one or both sides of the drill, and to throw up much or little to suit the size of the plants. By an ingenious contrivance in another mould board it will turn over the soil leaving the roots of grass, &c., exposed to the sun. The blade is wrought iron, so that the most ordinary blacksmith can make a new one if required. Application has been made for a patent.]
- D. C. Richardson, Weldon, exhibited some 25 kinds of agricultural implements.
- Grier & McGowan and Jno. Maunder, of Raleigh, exhibited some very excellent specimens of sand-stone. [See Dr. Emmon's report in another column.]
- L. P. Clifford & Co., Graham, foot morticing machine.
- D. P. Foster, Wilmington, King's patent shingle and stave machine.
- R. L. Allen, New York City, great southern reaper and Allen's mower.
- B. J. Perkins, Raleigh, very superior and handsomely finished crane-necked coach.
- Miss M. Camerion, Raleigh, invalid's chairs.
- C. M. & G. Lines, Thomasville, lot brogan shoes.
- H. Horton, Wake, wagon and dumping cart.
- W. P. Reinhardt, Catawba, weeding hoes.
- Ramsay & Seagle, Newton, fine lot of leather.
- R. F. Simonton, Statesville, lot of superior leather.
- Alex. Dixon, Orange, lot of farming implements.
- S. Beasley, Raleigh, a rifle.
- W. H. & R. S. Tucker and C. B. Root, Raleigh, sewing machines.
- R. Livingston, Franklinton, lot of leather.
- A. J. Woodward, Fayetteville, lot of blacking.
- J. W. Hartis, Wake, lot coarse shoes.
- W. D. Cooke, Raleigh, lot of brooms.
- J. F. Fearington, Chatham, sugar mill.
- H. Harris, Henderson, sets of harness.
- F. M. Walker, Greensboro', corn husker.
- C. W. D. Hutchings, Raleigh, lot of saddlery.
- S. Smith, Raleigh, lot agricultural implements.
- P. H. Smith, Franklin, subsoil and turning plow.
- A. Hege, Lexington, basket measures.
- S. Pankey, Warren, lot plows.
- T. Coats, Raleigh, window-sash, stained glass.
- J. Montgomery & Bro's., Baltimore, corn and wheat fan.
- J. H. Thompson, Davidson, lot of agricultural implements.
- J. A. McMannen, Orange, smut and screening machine.
- Jordan Womble, Raleigh, apple peeler and slicer.
- R. S. Milton, Stanly, subsoil turning plow.
- F. F. Christman, Wilson, marl and dirt elevator.
- J. H. Farmer, Chatham, model self-waiting tab'e.
- E. Whitman & Co., Baltimore, 30 articles of agricultural implements.
- Briggs & Dodd, Raleigh, five specimens architectural wood-work.
- Jones & Hooker, Hillsboro', horse-power and reaper.
- Murdock, Darby & Co., Salisbury, architectural wood-work.
- J. G. Kimball, Boston, wood-soled shoes.
- D. A. Sulphur, New Jersey, double dumping wagon. This collection included many superior articles which we have not space to enumerate. See list of premiums.
- PLANTER'S HALL.
- Maj. C. L. Hinton, of Wake, exhibited cotton in the stalk, claybank peas, &c.
- W. R. Knight, Wake, pens, beans and potatoes.
- Mrs. E. A. Nixon, Wake, bag of fine dried apples.
- Mrs. J. L. Britt, Wake, peas, pumpkins, corn, squashes, dried apples, corn bread, and cooked potatoes.
- S. H. Dunn and J. R. Dunn, Wake, corn, peas, wheat, beans, &c.
- N. Price, Wake, cotton in stalk, peas, potatoes, cotton in the bulk, &c.
- Chas. Horton, Wake, lot of dried fruit, fine bacon hams, Hungarian grass seed and corn bread.
- Mrs. W. F. Shultz, Salem, beautiful lot of dried fruit, starch (wh-rat.)
- W. F. Shultz, Salem, Hungarian grass seed.
- R. W. Wyman, Wake, corn in stalk.
- Mrs. R. W. Wynne, choice dried fruits and wheat starch.
- W. Russell, Caswell, firkin of butter.
- J. J. Ferrell, Wake, sweet potatoes.
- Miss J. E. Caldwell, Morganton, 17 lbs. of very superior fresh butter.
- J. W. Wiggins, Raleigh, lot of corn, 17 bbls. to the acre, hard to beat.
- Dr. Banks, Wake, sweet potatoes.
- M. A. Jones, Wake, wheat, peas, corn, turnips and eggs.
- Chas. Yates, Wake, turnips.
- J. R. Young, Wake, variety of sweet potatoes.
- J. M. Towles, Raleigh, ag't. corn (Alexander's twin.)
- J. Stafford, Alamance, Herds grass seed.
- Forest Manufacturing Company, flour, meal, &c.
- Vegetables by Mrs. B. F. Moore, Raleigh; R. J. Owen, Raleigh; Maj. W. D. Jones, Wake; A. T. Mial, Wake; Mrs. S. J. Norman, Wake; Alex. Hege, Lexington; W. R. Crawford, Wake; E. Hall, Wake; John Tigh, insane asylum; Jessie Broughton, Wake; W. D. Cooke, Raleigh; W. J. Allen, Wake; (who had two watermelons in a fine state of preservation on exhibition;) E. E. B. Wild